Government for a loan of Rs. 25 crore to the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board to restore cyclone damaged power supply net work; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board had requested the Rural Electrification Corporation in May, 1990 to provide to them a loan of Rs. 25 crores on soft terms for restoration of power supply network in the cyclone affected areas of Andhra Pradesh.

A Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the effects of the cyclone which hit Andhra Pradesh in May 1990 and the relief measures to be undertaken. The Central Government released a sum of Rs. 64.50 crores to enable the State Government to take urgent relief measures. Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board received Rs. 15 crores for restoration/rehabilitation of rural distribution system damaged due to cyclone.

Setting up of a Southern gas grid

*219. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposal to set up a Southern gas grid; and

(b) what steps are being taken to clear the same and expedite the construction work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination by an Inter-Ministerial Group.

World Bank loan for gas flaring reduction project at Bombay high

*220. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has laid down certain conditons for providing loan to the ONGC for its gas flaring reduction project at Bombay offshore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of the project and by what percentage the cost is to be met with the World Bank loan; and

(d) in which manner the balance amount is proposed to be raised by the Government for the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) The conditons laid down by the World Bank for the project which is estimated to cost US dollar 2878.40 million include gas pricing, monitoring of oil and gas field development projects, 4th round of bidding and environment clearance of the project. The loan is expected to cover about 15.7 per cent of the project cost.

Raids under the Gas Control Order, 1988

937. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids under the Gas Control Order, 1988 have been carried out by the oil companies supplying LPG;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered during the last one year;